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Dear Yucca Mountain Review Committee,

I am being a good citizen and responding to your EIS on the proposed Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Dump.

1 I have lived in Nevada most of my 44 years, and have grave concerns about your proposal to bring us a nuclear waste dump. [Like many Nevadans, I opposed this project from the start, as it poses considerable environmental and human risks – most particularly to Nevadans.]

2 [Forgive us for having little confidence in the agency that brought us Atomic Testing. Just about every Nevadan (and Utahn) knows someone who got cancer from that project.

I testified at the very first Nuclear Waste Dump hearing at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington DC. I was nineteen, it was 1974. Then twelve years ago I was part of another effort to turn citizens out to hearings on nuclear transportation. I was bowled over by the numbers of Las Vegans of all stripes who spent time and money writing the DOE to fight the transport of nuclear waste through their town. The African American community and the Shoshone were especially involved in that effort.

3 [Today it strikes me that for all the millions of dollars you have spent and 25 years of hearings and studies, we seem to be no closer to a clear understanding of the dangers this nuclear waste dump would pose to our children, our children's children, etc.

I understand that a number of children are testifying and writing to you their concerns about the dump. Like me 25 years ago they are getting an abrupt political education in their own back yard. Hopefully they'll see that democracy prevails and the Yucca Mountain Project shelved forever.

I have some suggestions:

4... [1) Stop producing nuclear energy. As my daughter would say, "Duhhhh!" If you're creating something as lethal and inefficient as we now know nuclear power to be (thanks

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- 4 to Chernobyl, Hanford, Three Mile Island, Diablo, etc) then stop producing it! If its waste
is so costly and difficult to dispose of, then stop producing it! Put the money into
exploiting solar and wind power in Nevada and elsewhere.
- 5 2) Leave the waste where it is for another 100 years. Don't take it anywhere. It is just too
hot to handle. Store it safely on site. In 100 years it will be a lot cooler and less intensely
radioactive. In 100 years we'll know a lot more about the storage options and about
Yucca Mountain.
- 6 More specific to the EIS. [Transportation is not adequately investigated, since no specific
7 route has been proposed (for obvious reasons).] The EIS does not address possible adverse
socioeconomic impacts (a nuclear accident near Las Vegas?), nor the dump's impact on
8 existing businesses, such as the Amargosa Dairy. Nor does it [acknowledge Native
American claims to Yucca Mountain and consistent Indian opposition to the nuclear
waste dump.]

I look forward to seeing the DOE do something positive in Nevada, instead of bringing us
more environmental hazards.

Sincerely,



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